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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED  
IN THE STOCKHOLM DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET (CONSERVATIVE) ON  
MARCH 16.

EGIN TEXT. AMERICAN REPORT: THE TORTURE IN IRAN IS  
UNPARALLELED. SAVAK - THE IRANIAN SECRET POLICE - HAS  
SEVERAL AGENTS IN SWEDEN. WE CAN PROVE THIS. THEY OPERATE  
MAINLY IN LUND, GOTEBOG AND STOCKHOLM AMONG THE 2,000  
IRANIAN STUDENTS HERE. WE HAVE RECEIVED THREATENING  
LETTERS FROM THE EMBASSY OF IRAN HERE, AND I HAVE BEEN  
EXPOSED TO A MURDER ATTEMPT.

THIS IS WHAT AN IRANIAN STUDENT TELLS US FROM GOTEBOG.  
HE DOESN'T WISH TO REVEAL HIS NAME. HE PARTICIPATED IN A  
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PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 15 IN STOCKHOLM, WITH, AMONG  
OTHERS, THE AMERICAN PROFESSOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
KANSAS, NORMAN FORER. HE REPORTED ON ARRESTS AND THE  
TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN.

PROFESSOR FORER IS THE CHAIRMAN OF AMERICANS FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN AND HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TRIP

TO IRAN WHERE HE MET WITH HIGH IRANIAN OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN. HE ALSO CONTACTED SOME OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS' FAMILIES. HE RETURNED WITH PROOF OF TERRIBLE TORTURE METHODS AND AT RANDOM ARRESTS. HE TRIED IN VAIN TO GET INTO ONE OF THE PRISONS IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAYS.

TODAY THERE ARE SOME 100,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN AND AT LEAST 500, PERHAPS 1,000, HAVE BEEN EXECUTED SINCE 1971, ACCORDING TO THE FIGURES WHICH THE IRANIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION - CISNU - HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE.

"THE TORTURE METHODS THAT ARE USED IN IRANIAN PRISONS IS UNPARALLELED," SAID PROFESSOR FORER.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM CISNU TOOK PART IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT THE DEBATE BECAME MORE OPEN IN SWEDEN.

"WE KNOW THAT THE POLICE IN FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE USA ARE COOPERATING WITH SAVAK. WE KNOW THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT PRESSURES EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO DEPORT MEMBERS OF CISNU. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE A MORE OPEN STAND AGAINST THE ACTS OF AGGRESSION IN IRAN, WHICH ARE WORSE THAN WHAT GOES ON EVEN IN CHILE." PARVENEH OSKOU, WHO ALSO WAS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, IS THE WIFE OF THE IRANIAN CULTURAL ATTACHE WHO WAS SHOT IN PARIS IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR (HE WAS, SAYS CISNU, ONE OF THE HEADS OF SAVAK).  
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A GROUP THAT CALLS ITSELF THE INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE SAID THAT THEY HAD CARRIED OUT THE MURDER, BUT CISNU WAS NEVERTHELESS ACCUSED OF THE MURDER. MRS. OSKOU WAS DEPORTED TO SWEDEN. NOW SHE IS WAITING FOR AN ANSWER AS TO WHETHER SHE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN SWEDEN. IF SHE IS FORCED TO RETURN TO IRAN IT WOULD MEAN TORTURE, PRISON AND DEATH, SHE SAYS.

THE IRANIAN STUDENT WHO NOW LIVES IN GOTEBOG, AFTER HAVING LIVED A FEW YEARS AT LUND, SAYS THAT 15 STUDENTS IN LUND HAVE RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS FROM THE EMBASSY OF IRAN. THEY HAVE BEEN URGED TO STOP THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. IF THEY DON'T, THEY MIGHT GET 3-10 YEARS IN PRISON WHEN THEY RETURN TO IRAN.

"ATTACKS AGAINST IRANIAN STUDENTS HAVE BEEN STAGED IN LUND. I WAS TO BE RUN OVER BY A CAR. HOWEVER, I WENT TO THE POLICE AND REPORTED THE ATTEMPTED MURDER," HE SAYS.

END UNCLASSIFIED. END TEST.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: WHILE THE EMBASSY CANNOT CONFIRM THE ARTICLE'S CONTENTION THAT 2,000 IRANIAN STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY IN SWEDEN, WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT IT. THE IRANIANS ARE ORGANIZED HERE, HOWEVER, AND PERIODICALLY STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE IRANIAN CHANCERY AND IRANIAN TOURIST OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM. ALL ARE CARRIED OUT UNDER POLICE CONTROL AND HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL. AT LEAST OVER THE LAST YEAR, SUCH PROTESTS HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE OR NO PUBLICITY IN THE SWEDISH MEDIA.  
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